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Robert C. Chambers
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
 Education: Marshall 1974 AB;
 West Virginia 1978 JD
 Began Service: October 17, 1997
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton



Government: Legal Counsel, West Virginia Senate; Member, West Virginia House of Delegates (1978-1996); Speaker of the House, West Virginia House of Delegates (1986-1996)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Chambers & Chambers (1978-1984); Attorney, Chambers, Chambers & Heilmann (1984-1992); Attorney, Guy M. Bucci, L.C. (1994-1996); Partner, Bucci & Chambers L.C. (1996-1997)

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Thomas E. Johnston
District Judge

Education: West Virginia 1989 BA, 1992 JD
 Began Service: April 17, 2006

Government: U.S. Attorney, West Virginia - Northern District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice

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Irene Cornelia Berger
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1954
 Education: West Virginia 1976, 1979 JD
 Began Service: December 11, 2009

Government: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Kanawha, West Virginia (1982-1994); Attorney, Virginia - Western District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1994)

Judicial: Circuit Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, West Virginia (1994-2009)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; West Virginia Bar Association

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David A. Faber
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
 Education: West Virginia 1964 BA; Yale 1967 JD; Virginia 1998 LLM
 Began Service: December 27, 1991
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
 Political Affiliation: Republican

Current Memberships: American Judicature Society; Federal Judges Association; National Association of Former United States Attorneys; West Virginia Bar Association; The West Virginia State Bar

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Mary E. Stanley
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
 Education: Mount Holyoke 1970 AB;
 Virginia 1973 JD
 Began Service: 1992
 Term Expires: October 2016



Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Dennis R. Knapp, United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia (1976-1977)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of West Virginia, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1977-1992)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Columbia Gas Transmission Corp. (1973-1976)

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R. Clarke VanDervort
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: December 2001
 Term Expires: December 19, 2017

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Cheryl A. Eifert
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: 2010

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Ronald G. Pearson
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
 Education: West Virginia 1965 BS, 1968 JD
 Began Service: 1983
 Term Expires: 2015
 Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Comptroller, Carbon Industries (1977-1979)

Government: Director, Local Government Relations, Tax Department, State of West Virginia (1971-1973); Commissioner, Department of Finance and Administration, State of West Virginia (1973-1975); Treasurer, State of West Virginia (1975-1976)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Charleston Legal Aid Society (1968-1972); Partner, Cecil, Pearson & Barth (1980-1983)

Current Memberships: National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; The West Virginia State Bar

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